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Who killed Cara Lynn?

No arrests in young mom's homicide **Death now 23rd homicide of the year for city**

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Homicide investigators are working to piece together the final days and hours of a young mother's life after she was found killed in her Redwood Avenue home.

Contractors working on one half of a side-by-side at 502-504 Redwood Ave. notified police of suspicious circumstances there on Tuesday, just before 12:20 p.m.

Officers arrived and found the lifeless body of Cara Lynn Hiebert, 31.

It's believed Hiebert died from upper-body wounds sustained in a physical assault, but police spokeswoman Natalie Aitken couldn't confirm she was beaten to death.

"To use the word beaten is not something I'm prepared to do," Aitken said, adding autopsy results were pending.

Officers taped off not just the townhouses, but also a number of homes on either side.

It's an indication of how severe the killing was, a police source said. The source added he expected police to hold the scene for days to gather evidence.

It was unclear how long Hiebert was dead in her home before her body was found.

Police are canvassing the area and seeking to get in touch with her acquaintances in hopes of learning more about the final days of her life.

Court documents state Hiebert was the mother of four children, two of whom were not in her care as of March 2010, when she lived at a different address in the North End.

Aitken couldn't say if a child or children were living at Hiebert's current address.

The documents also state Hiebert had a troubled upbringing and had battled with addictions. She had also been victimized by domestic violence in the past, the documents stated.

A number of people were being questioned in connection to the homicide, but no suspects are in custody.

Police were conducting an "extensive canvas" of the area around Hiebert's home, Aitken said.

Investigation

Police ask anyone with information about Cara Lynn Hiebert's death to contact them at 986-6058 or through Crime Stoppers.

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▶Winnipeg police identification officers work inside a pair of townhouses in the 500 block of Redwood Avenue.

Sizzler

Our 'heat dome'

What's cooking? It might be Canadians
Temperatures in the high 20s expected today {page 6, 7}

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Job not like CSI: Miami

Forensic anthropology is far, far from as glamourous as portrayed on CSI or Bones.

In fact, the only way those shows touch reality is that characters examine skeletal remains, said Tanya Peckmann, a forensic anthropologist.

"And that's it," she said.

"We don't wear Prada to a scene, we don't have high heels, we're not allowed to carry guns and we can't arrest people," she added. "We don't look that pretty during the day when we're at scenes and we're just happy if we can get a shower at the end of the night."

She added they don't usually examine a scene at night with their flashlights.

"We like to turn lights on when we go into places."

But there's something called the CSI effect being studied by psychologists at Saint Mary's University in Halifax that has many real-world effects.

Peckmann said jurors these days expect a whole other level of evidence they see offered on TV shows.

"People are saying, 'Why didn't you get the fingerprints from that rock?' or 'Why weren't you able to get DNA and identify the person?'" she said. "It does affect your job, greatly."

JENNIFER TAPLIN

"The Bones hologram doesn't exist. We'd love a Bones hologram but we don't have one."
TANYA PECKMANN

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▶ CSI Miami star David Caruso

Forensic anthropologists called out to about six cases where human remains were found or thought to be found in past year ◐ Tanya Peckmann's team called in when human remains are decomposed or skeletal

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▶ Forensic anthropologist Tanya Peckmann poses for a photo with a skull cast at Saint Mary's University in Halifax.

Forensic anthropologist Digs deep to solve crimes

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About a month ago a human skull — but nothing else — was found in the woods near Halifax by land surveyors.

Enter Tanya Peckmann, forensic anthropologist.

In an interview with Metro, the former Winnipegger and Saint Mary's University professor confirmed she worked on the case but can't discuss any particulars because it is still being investigated by police.

A RCMP spokesman said there is no update on the case and officers are still investigating.

But Peckmann can talk about why it's likely only a skull was found, what she's able to tell about a person just from their skull, and how experts on plants and insects are useful in determining the time of death.

"When a body is left in a wooded environment, if it's not buried, or buried in a shallow grave, it's prone to animals," she said. "Animals will smell it and scatter the bones. Coyotes have been known to scatter bones many kilometres away."

A pelvis is the best piece to determine the sex, but Peckmann said there are clues in the skull.

The shape of the facial bones show Asian, white European or black African characteristics, she said. Plus certain bone structure would suggest male or female.

Peckmann said she plugs the data into a computer program which gives a "suggestion of who this individual is," but it can be misleading.

A female rower, for example, would have features on the skull that would resemble a male's because of muscle use.

Timeline

- Time of death is usually very difficult to figure out on skeletal remains.
- Peckmann said experts on plants or insects can help provide a timeline from the leaf litter and bug casings around where the remains were found.

Circle. Game

▶ A performer with Cirque Du Soleil practices prior to Dralion's opening night last night. Performances continue through Sunday at the MTS Centre.

JAMES TURNER/METRO

Dralion jumps through hoops to entertain

News in brief

Body pulled from Red River

JUBA PARK. Police say they pulled a body from the Red River on Tuesday evening. Authorities were dispatched to an area near Juba Park where they pulled the body of a man from the river at about 6 p.m. near Waterfront Drive and Alexander Avenue. The man has not been identified.

ELISHA DACEY

Woman stabbed for purse

SUSPECTS AT LARGE. A woman was stabbed early yesterday morning after refusing to give up her purse. Winnipeg police said the woman, 54, was approached by two women and one man at about 2 a.m. They demanded she turn over her purse. She refused and walked away. The trio then attacked the woman and stabbed her in the upper body. The victim was taken to hospital in unstable condition.

ELISHA DACEY

Your votes for best cruise night spot

Wall St. & Portage Ave. "In that vicinity alone there are two parking lots: The Alliance Bank lot, which does not have security shooing you away, and The Burger Factory lot where you'll have a great view and a stone's throw from a good burger. Just one block away is a Tim Hortons! Can't get any better than that." — *Lisa H.*

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Big Top Fringe picks and pans

This is Cancer

This is a tricky one because Bruce Horak plays Cancer. And while not the most physically attractive (think full-body gold lamé spandex), at times Cancer is quite charming and funny. But let's be honest, everyone hates cancer, so when you catch yourself laughing (and you will) at Cancer, the inner conflict begins. But This is Cancer is not just about using laughter as medicine — the show is emotional and confrontational as well. It's a brilliant idea that's brilliantly executed and you will leave the theatre with a new impression of cancer and life. There are about 15 minutes after the show reserved for a Q & A. Stay for this. Ask questions. Horak, a cancer survivor himself, will not disappoint.

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Giant Invisible Robot

This year Jayson MacDonald brings back his popular one-man play, a story of a boy through the years and his only friend, a destruction-prone invisible robot that no one believes in.

With an arsenal of characters, self-made sound effects and voices, MacDonald deftly takes the audience from scene to scene, painting the settings with an extremely minimal amount of props and a lot of movements a mime would envy. There are many sparkling moments of comedy, but the deeper, emotional times feel impressively real. I admire that MacDonald often lets us fill in the conversational blanks. **SARAH MICHAELSON/CBC REVIEW CREW**

Frenzy Saves Your Brain

Comedy is hard, really hard, and if you want proof you need look no further than Frenzy Saves Your Brain. I'm sure the four men in the Toronto-based sketch troupe, Frenzy, are smart, funny and interesting. Unfortunately these sketches don't serve as a testament to their talents.

The problem with this show is simply that the sketches aren't funny. What may seem like a great idea when you're hanging out with your friends doesn't translate well to the stage without all sorts of craft.

There may be a lot of talent in this troupe but this is one lazy show. **CLARE LAWLOR/CBC REVIEW CREW**

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Rain. Check

▶ Metro Winnipeg reader Tamara Bodi sent in this photo of rain clouds brewing in the south basin of Lake Winnipeg.

TAMARA BODI/SUBMITTED

City stays dry

While the rain came down heavy north of Winnipeg, it never did materialize in a significant way in the city yesterday, despite a severe thunderstorm warning.

Boy was 'abducted in plain sight': Crown

- **One-time educational assistant will be registered as sex offender**
- **Man, boy, presented themselves as father and son**

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A former educational assistant at a Winnipeg school who formed bizarre relationships with two at-risk boys is back on the street after admitting to abducting one of them and harassing and assaulting the other.

Kevin Sidwell will be registered as a sex offender for the next 20 years and be monitored by probation officials over the next three.

Judge Tim Preston sentenced the 30-year-old yesterday to the equivalent of two years' time served pending a resolution to his case.

Sidwell is also forbidden to work or volunteer with minors for two decades and must attend counselling.

He's been in jail since June 7, 2010, the day of his arrest when police found him in a car with a boy reported missing.

Court heard Sidwell and the boy struck up a friendship through a school drop-in program in fall 2009. The boy was 12 at the time.

Crown attorney Terry McComb told court the pair began to represent themselves as being father and son — with the boy going as far as taking on an assumed name, she said.

The boy was repeatedly reported missing by caregivers and school officials, prompting police to search for him.

McComb called the scenario "a peculiar situation of being abducted in plain sight."

"He deterred people — the police and the school — from knowing where the child was," McComb said.

Sidwell also admitted to inviting the victim to touch him sexually on one occasion, court heard.

Police expanded their investigation and learned Sidwell had also befriended another boy and his family. The friendship soured when the teen got a girlfriend and spent less time with him, court heard.

Sidwell admitted to harassing the teen and punching him in the face.

Defence lawyer Lisa LaBossiere said Sidwell was dealing with addiction issues and comes from a past of neglect and abuse.

CRYSTAL LADERAS/METRO

▶ The City is urging people to continue to conserve water.

Heat drives up water usage

The hot, humid weather has driven water usage to its third highest level on record for the past 10 years, but is nowhere near the record set more than 20 years ago.

Peak hourly water use reached a high of 19.5 million litres on Monday. The highest usage was in 1988, when the record high was 40 million litres.

A spokesperson for the City said the numbers seem to indicate Winnipeggers are conserving water despite the hot weather.

Summer water use is about two to four times that of winter water use, due to the increase in demand to water gardens, and fill pools. ELISHA DACEY

Determined Filipino family ignores skeptics to succeed in Canada

When Erick Alfonso meets immigrants who feel overwhelmed, he gives them hope by telling his own family's story. In fact, the Manila native and his wife achieved personal success in a remarkably short time, by ignoring skeptics who scoffed at their Canadian dreams.

Now working as a Manager of Customer Service at Scotiabank in Calgary, Alberta, Erick remembers how friends discouraged them from migrating to Canada with their five young children.

"They told us that you need Canadian experience to find a job," recalls the former IT project manager at a Philippine bank. "But we decided to try because we knew it was a good country to raise our kids."

Upon arrival in Canada in 2006, the Alfonsos discovered that many Filipino compatriots were juggling low paying jobs to survive. While Erick also took a temporary factory job to pay the bills, he refused to give up hope.

"A friend told me to open my first bank account at Scotiabank, and the teller was so helpful that I decided to submit my resumé," recounts Erick. To his amazement, the branch manager hired him within a month as a casual teller, and two months later, gave him a full-time customer support role.

"I was lucky that Scotiabank gave me the chance to prove myself," notes Erick, who has risen through the ranks and now serves many Asian customers at Calgary's Castleridge Centre Branch. "I can relate to them because I remember arriving with no bank account and no permanent address. The Scotiabanker explained everything to me, and I try to do the same for others today."

For example, Erick recommends the ***Scotiabank StartRight***® Program[1] for Newcomers, which includes a free day-to-day bank account for one year[2], a wide range of VISA* card options[3] and a number of other customized services and benefits. He also provides plenty of first-hand financial advice.

"Since many newcomers arrive with personal savings, I help them invest their savings wisely, including short-term investments such as a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA), which lets them earn tax-free income that they can access later for other needs," says Erick.

He also explains the importance of building a Canadian credit history. "Some newcomers are afraid to use a credit card, but I tell them how it can help them achieve other goals if they use it responsibly."

Erick also gives pep talks on job searches, based on his experience and that of his wife, Maria Rosario, who within a year moved from a temporary accounting job to accounting manager with a local firm.

"We didn't do anything special, but we were determined. By believing in ourselves and supporting each other, we got through each difficulty," says Erick. "It is possible – If you show what you can do, you can build the right connections and open the door to a new life in Canada."

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Poor can't escape heat

With much of North America in the grip of a broiling heat wave, few people are hit as hard as the poor, and few places are poorer than the communities along the Texas-Mexico border known as "colonias."

The misery was widespread this week, with the worst conditions blanketing a broad band from Texas to Minnesota and the Dakotas. Seventeen states issued heat watches, warnings or advisories.

The high temperatures were nearly certain to persist for the entire week. Forecasters expected the extreme discomfort to spread soon to the East Coast.

In towns large and small, the withering heat was cruelest to those who could not afford air conditioning.

Chicago officials opened six cooling centres, many of them in lower-income neighbourhoods, along with hundreds of air-conditioned public buildings such as libraries, park facilities and police stations.

Anne Sheahan, spokeswoman for the city's Department of Family and Support Services, expected the number of people seeking refuge at the centres to climb in step with the temperatures. The city was also offering rides to cooling centres. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

700

Chicago authorities stepped up their high-heat precautions after a 1995 heat wave killed more than 700 people in less than a week.

▶ Susana Di Paola and her dog Jackson find a way to cool off by hitting the beach in Long Branch, Ont. A so-called heat dome — a hot, unmoving high-pressure area — has settled over large swaths of Canada.

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Why it feels like an oven out there

Climatologists call it a 'heat dome' and it's sending temperatures soaring right across the country

Canadians who feel like they are being roasted in an oven, stewing in their own juices, are not that far off.

A heat dome, a hot, unmoving high-pressure area, has settled over large swaths of the country, pushing the jet stream well to the north, and keeping cooler or wetter weather out, said Environment Canada senior climatologist David Phillips.

"It tends to encourage weather from the south, from the Gulf of Mexico," he said.

The dome is hovering over much of the United States as well. It spread up to western Canada over the weekend, sending sizzling temperatures to the Prairies. Winnipeg sweltered under a high of 34.4 C on Tuesday and Regina baked with a high of 31.9 C.

"It's like a heat pump and it just sluggishly sits there and like an unwanted house guest, it just won't move."

ENVIRONMENT CANADA SENIOR CLIMATOLOGIST DAVID PHILLIPS, PICTURED RIGHT

As the dome settles a bit further east, Environment Canada is predicting the mercury will hit 37 C Thursday. Further south in Windsor, Ont., it's expected to go up to 39 C.

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Canada's hot all over

Just be glad it's not 1937 — that's when the hottest temperature ever was recorded in Canada, with a high of 45 C in Midale and Yellow Grass, Sask., Environment Canada senior climatologist David Phillips said.

Still, temperatures in the high 30s are expected to feel more like 48 C.

Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have seen new power consumption records set as air conditioners get cranked up to high and homeless shelters hand out sunscreen and water bottles.

Municipalities across Ontario are issuing various heat alerts and advisories.

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Wild. Beast

▶ A leopard attacks a forest guard yesterday at Prakash Nagar village near Salugara, on the outskirts of Siliguri, India. The guard was injured.

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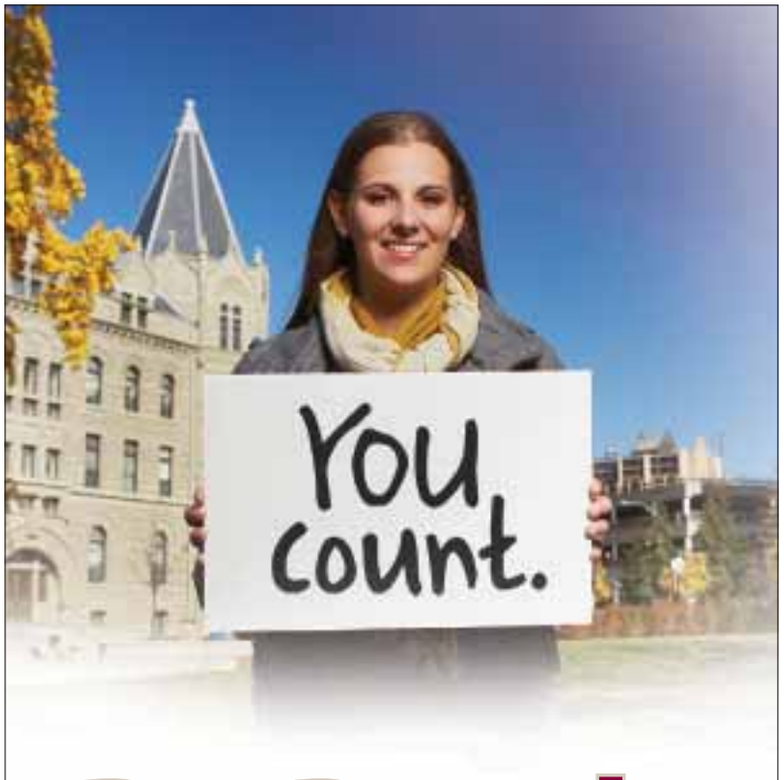
Leopard, villagers wage bloody battle

A leopard that mauled 11 people in a fierce showdown with Indian villagers died of knife wounds after being captured yesterday. Villagers used knives, stones and batons to beat back the snarling, leaping cat that strayed into the village. The people are recovering from their injuries, mostly swipes from the cat's claws. Leopards are protected in India though more are straying into villages for food.



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▶ Jim Dees, the B777 fleet captain at American Airlines smiles after looking over the cockpit of the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner during a tour at Dallas-Fort Worth International airport yesterday.

Air fleet renewed

Order includes Airbus A320 and Boeings 737 jets
Pressure on airlines to upgrade craft: Analysts

American Airlines is buying at least 460 new planes over the next five years from Airbus and Boeing in a record order that breaks Boeing's exclusive grip on American's fleet.

American said yesterday it will buy 260 planes from Airbus, 200 from rival Boeing Co., and perhaps hundreds more. It expects the new jets to provide savings in fuel costs. American's current fleet is among the least fuel-efficient.

The deal is a major boost for Airbus, which hadn't won an order from American since the 1980s. Boeing did salvage one of its biggest sales ever.

The jets carry a sticker price of more than $38 billion US, although big airlines often get discounts.

Gerard Arpey, the chairman and CEO of American's parent, AMR Corp., called it "a watershed event certainly for our company and indeed for the airline industry."

AMR also announced that it plans to spin off regional carrier American Eagle as a separate company in another cost-cutting move. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baird sees China as potential friend

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▶ Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says Canada-China relations are warming and can be further improved by face-to-face dialogue.

Baird finished a four-day trip to China yesterday after meetings with senior government officials and business leaders.

In a conference call from Shanghai, Baird said relations between the two countries have entered a new era in recent years and he wants to build on that.

Chinese relations cooled in the early years of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government. A Harper meeting with the Dalai Lama in 2007 irked Chinese authorities, who routinely revile the Tibetan spiritual leader as a separatist who wants to split Tibet from China.

The Canada-China relationship improved after the prime minister visited Beijing in 2009.

Now, Baird said, China is a strategic partner in the fields of energy, natural resources and international affairs and the two countries can both benefit from closer and deeper ties.

While there are differences of opinion on issues such as human rights, Baird said it's better to discuss things face-to-face than to stand back and preach.

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WE INTERRUPT THIS BROADCAST TO APOLOGIZE

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
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I've been noticing the calm, level-headed way the media has reported the West Nile virus this summer, and I'd just like to say I'm sorry.

I don't know what's come over us.

Unless I missed a memo, we in the media (especially TV) are supposed to breathlessly cover this as a burgeoning health crisis. It's just the way things are done. Where are the slow-motion close-ups of a suspicious-looking skeeter? The catchy title like Mosquitopocalypse? The news anchor solemnly asking, "How worried should we be?" as if worrying would be useful.

Instead, all I've seen are level-headed reminders that since the '90s West Nile has been found from Nova Scotia to B.C. and that precautions should be taken against a small but real risk.

"The coverage has been a reasonable reflection of reality. So, again, I apologize."

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So, again, I apologize.

Because if my years in media have taught me one thing, it's that the important thing now is to PANIC. This was the time-proven journalistic method used with Mad Cow, SARS and H1N1. I guess West Nile's been around long enough that people are getting all "rational." Well, I can't let that happen.

Because if it did, we in the media would be stuck writing about softwood lumber or debt ceilings or, God help me, Brad Pitt. If I have to write one more word about a Beckham baby or the latest crop of orphans that Brangelina are scooping up with a backhoe, I may scream.

And you, gentle reader? You'd be forced to read it. So keep in mind we are doing you a favour when we warn you about:

West Nile and You: Partners in Death — a Q&A you and your family need to read (if you love them).

Q: How can I tell if West Nile is in my area?

A: Many wild birds spread the virus, and their deaths are a good harbinger of the disease, which leads to this easy-to-remember West Nile saying: See a live bird? Kill it. See a dead bird? Panic.

Q: What if I get it?

A: Symptoms often include headache, body aches and skin rash. If you come down with any of these symptoms, kiss a crow and see if it dies.

Q: Anything else I can do?

A: Go about your daily routine, but remain vigilant. Ask your political leaders to establish mosquito no-fly zones. Watch for large swarms flying in a skull-and-crossbones formation. Wear burqas or Stormtrooper costumes. Reassure your children by showing them films where humans reign victorious over insects, such as Arachnophobia and Them! Pray daily.

Q: How worried should I be?

A: We'll tell you exactly how worried, right after this.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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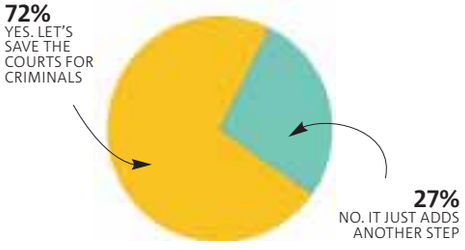
Should divorcing couples have to attend an information session on alternatives before going to court?



Local tweets

- **@enzoesg:** #Winnipeg needs a superhero! Rid us of all the murderers, thieves and the ppl who keep smashing the backboards at kingsbury and Logan courts
- **@sixteenwins:** Actually, speaking as a designer, even with the same name, a Winnipeg Jets rebrand plus uniform in a few months is ridiculous.
- **@Kevin_Gordon:** I really wish people at the bike racks would be more careful and NOT break my spokes when moving their bikes. #Winnipeg
- **@guiagomes:** What I love about Winnipeg is that when is winter its cold as alaska or even more but when it's summer it looks similar to south Africa
- **@Krystal_Cane:** Day trip to winnipeg! Finally gonna exchange that Xmas gift that broke on boxing day :) woo toys r us!
- **@enzoesg:** #Winnipeg needs a superhero! Rid us of all the murderers, thieves and the ppl who keep smashing the backboards at kingsbury and Logan courts

Worth Mentioning

TERRORISM. An al-Qaida affiliate says it plans to roll out what some have called a Disney-like animated cartoon aimed at recruiting children to the terror network.

Scenes from the proposed short film show young boys dressed in battle fatigues and participating in raids, killings and terror plots. It is the latest attempt by the terror organization to use multimedia to draw in potential recruits.

News of the animated film was announced by a group called Abu al-Laith al-Yemen on the Arabic-language al-Shamouk jihadist website, the London-based Quilliam Foundation reported yesterday. Quilliam, which was formed by former jihadists and now aims to stamp out extremism, said it appears the group is affiliated with al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

"It's a Disney-like film aimed at kids that tells stories of the Prophet, stories of holy wars and anti-Western propaganda," said Noman Benotman, a former jihadist with links to al-Qaida who is now an analyst at Quilliam.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder

WEIRD NEWS

Mastered your skinny jeans? Squeeze into this house

Think your house is small? Polish architect Jakub Szczesny has turned the popular notion of "size matters" on its head with his design of the world's skinniest house in Warsaw, Poland.

Located in an alleyway between an office tower from the 1960s and an apartment building, the livable, four-storey house measures roughly 10 metres long and 1.5 metres wide.

▶A rendering of what the house will look like.

The home is being built for Israeli writer and filmmaker Etgar Keret, who will use the space primarily as his studio. Since Keret lives most of the time in Tel Aviv, there is talk of the house being used as an artist's residence when he's not occupying it, Szczesny told the Toronto Star.

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▶ The Hisses officially release Surf Noir on Saturday at The Pyramid Cabaret.

League of their own

Winnipeg band This Hisses has invented a new music genre for its debut album Surf Noir

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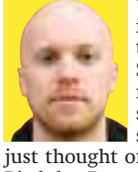

"I coined it," says guitarist Pat Short, referring to his surf noir sound. "I just thought of it like The Birthday Party ('70s gothic rock) meets Dick Dale (American surf rock guitarist)."

"We'll play a really pretty ballad but with really dark undertones," adds drummer JP Perron. "There's Pat's distortion and feedback and I'm hitting really hard, so everything will just be a bit sinister."

Released through local label Transistor 66, Surf Noir's stunning/spooky sound isn't just the product of Short's moody melodies and Perron's hard hitting style, but also Julia Ryckman's angelic yet eerie voice. In fact, Ryckman, who also handles bass in the band, is a classically-trained opera singer.

Other events

What else is going on the city?

▶ **Show** Shake Your Money Maker. The White Doves – a collection of hard to handle 'Peg City musicians – perform The Black Crowes entire debut album Saturday at Old Market Square as part of the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival. The struttin' blues show starts at 10:30 pm.

"In opera there's a lot of horror, drama, death and violence and then there's also beautiful love songs," Ryckman says.

"In classical voice, the Italian term for a good sound is chiaroscuros, which means the light and the dark together."

Produced by Royal Canoe/The Waking Eyes member Matt Peters, Surf Noir has earned This Hisses quite the local buzz, even topping the CKUW 95.9 FM albums chart for the week of July 12-18. With recent big gigs at the Osborne Street Festival, the Winnipeg Jazz Festival and Toronto's North by Northeast Music Festival and Conference, it looks like This Hisses delight despair is really resonating.

"Someone said we should be selling our music to True Blood," Ryckman says.

This Hisses officially release Surf Noir on Saturday at The Pyramid Cabaret.

Tickets are $10 at Into the Music, Music Trader, Kustom Kulture, Urban Waves or $12 at the door. Fellow Winnipeg rockers The Lonely Vulcans and The Girth support. Show time is 10 pm.

2 scene

Hospitalized

A spokesman for R. Kelly says the R&B singer is in the hospital after emergency throat surgery. Kelly publicist Allan Mayer said yesterday that doctors drained an abscess on one of Kelly's tonsils and that the singer will be "laid up indefinitely."
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just tried 2do yoga class w/ a 6 wk old. even dressed her in buddha onesie thinking it'd keep her calm. wrong. so wrong. no dwnwrd dog 4 me

@CarrieFFisher

Though life is far from a bed of roses Thru which one lethargically loiters It nevertheless is more savory Than a bed comprised of goiters

Was Anthony cheating on J.Lo?

Sources tell magazine that split between couple was not 'amicable'

While Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony have announced that their split was "amicable," sources tell People magazine it was anything but.

The decision to separate reportedly came "after months of nonstop arguing," a source says, adding that Anthony feeling jealous about Lopez's American Idol success and Lopez fearing Anthony wasn't being faithful were factors.

"Though they love, admire and respect each other very much, they just needed to be apart," the source says.

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Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony

Franco splits with longtime girlfriend

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James Franco

James Franco and his longtime girlfriend, Ahna O'Reilly, have split up, the eclectic actor tells Playboy magazine.

"It's over. That lasted about four or five years," he says of the relationship, which he managed to keep off the radar.

"We'd been living together in Los Angeles and then came to New York to go to school for two years. Then I signed up for more school at Yale. I think that was it for her."

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Talking points

Simpson's rep claims she's not preggers

MAYBE SHE'S JUST CURVY. After stepping out for a business meeting in Beverly Hills in a body-hugging minidress, Jessica Simpson is shooting down rumours that she and fiancé Eric Johnson are expecting, according to Celebuzz.

"This photo agency is full of malarkey," Simpson's publicist says of the company that first made the speculation. "She is not pregnant."

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Jessica Simpson

Aniston on having kids one day: 'It'll happen'

Jennifer Aniston hasn't ruled out parenthood — in fact, she's looking forward to it.

"I'd love to have children one day," she tells Look magazine.

"And it'll happen. I am open to being a single mother, to adopting. I'm just fine with it."

But there are some ideas Aniston is clearly not open to, like social-networking.

"You'll never see me on Twitter or anything like that, it's not for me," she says.

"I'm all about old traditional ways — phone calls and letters. Although I do internet surf and shop online. I love auctions."

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Jennifer Aniston

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Matt Damon

Matt Damon loves his life

Matt Damon admits that, for a celebrity, he has it pretty easy.

"I'm really lucky, because I have the best of both worlds. I do the work that I love and need, but don't need paramilitary troops to protect me when I walk out my front door," he says in an interview with Germany's Tele 5.

"I have friends who are like prisoners. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, for instance. They can't just go someplace. If they go for a walk, it turns into an international incident."

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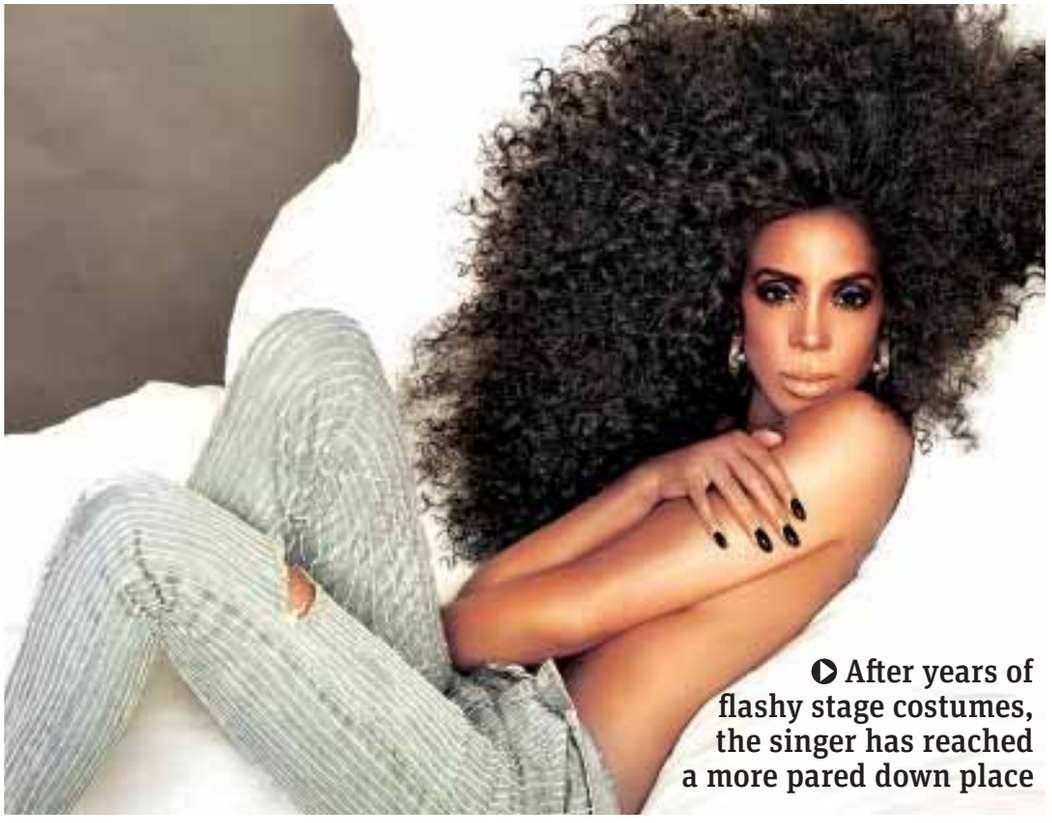

After years of flashy stage costumes, the singer has reached a more pared down place

Kelly Rowland
stripped down

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Before she went solo, Kelly Rowland spent her career dressed in blingy, costumes designed to keep you entertained — shimmery, mermaid-like dresses with flesh revealing cut-outs or ripped, GI Jane-style army fatigues with camouflage Daisy Dukes or sexy versions of Cub Scout uniforms with tight, midriff baring tops.

"I've never been afraid to take any risks," she admits over the phone from London, where she's promoting her new album, Here I Am, and preparing to join the UK X-Factor judging panel.

"My personal style has grown in a way where I know what works for me. You have to try different things out to get it right," she says of her evolution from her days as one-third of Destiny's Child.

"Before, I was about what's 'in' right now. But now, I buy to collect pieces that will be with me forever."

If the Texan's old wardrobe was all about constantly changing kinds of splash, its new incarnation is much more refined and focused, thanks to her habit of reading Style.com each night ("it relaxes me") and attending runway shows during the ready-to-wear collections.

She talks about the trends with the confidence of a seasoned market editor: "I love how everything is about opulence and decadence right now. I love how that has come back.

"And it's great to see the bold colors that we saw for spring and summer carrying over into fall," she adds.

Rowland's been wearing Stella McCartney and Chloé the most, lately, and has a long-time obsession with Alexander McQueen — all brands with English creative directors. Perhaps, Britain is rubbing off on her?

"I love the UK period. But I've grown to appreciate the art and creativity of British fashion."

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Halle Barry

"I love the fact that she always looks so ffortless, like she just woke up in that dress looking beautiful. She's always dressed so appropriately for her age — with some women it seems like they're reaching too much. But with Halle, she can wear a dress with her stomach out and it looks amazing because she has the body for it."

Jennifer Lopez

"She's just a siren who is smoking hot, period. I love her."

3 life

Trend of the week

E-COMMERCE

Just in time for all of your fall shopping, luxury brands are rolling out e-commerce sites faster than you can say, "credit, please." Our vote for the most user-friendly shopping experience goes to Dolce & Gabbana (in collaboration with Yoox) for their slick magazine-style trend reports and shop the look features. Meanwhile, Balenciaga gets the most arty prize; the site will feature short movies created by visual artists.

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Orange you looking nice today

From the Paris couture runways to the business boardrooms, the 'orange' oldies seem to be ruling the world
They may have it all (if fame and power are your bag) but eternal youth — well, that just ain't one of them!

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▶ Valentino Garavani

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▶ Giorgio Armani

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▶ Iggy Pop

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▶ Tom Jones

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▶ Silvio Berlusconi

What's orange with a crazy bouffant and sings a catchy tune?

You'd probably say an "Oompa Loompa," but you'd be wrong. The correct answer is Tom Jones and a whole host of saffron-skinned friends.

But why are all the old timers topping up their tan from a can?

Perhaps orange skin is a status symbol in some circles. Or maybe, while everything else is fading — looks, hair and yes, sexual prowess — their face becomes that last bastion of virility.

We'll never know. But here are the fake tan's biggest fans.

The couturier glow

Valentino Garavani shows off his best impression of an Eighties don.

While Giorgio Armani with his leather–like complexion and nipple clinging tee looks like the kind of guy who'd spot you on a gym workout, no?

Rockhard and bronzed

These days the music world's most iconic gyrating, rock stars are more like singing raisins. Take a look at the radioactive glow emanating from Iggy Pop and Tom Jones. Yep, the one-time sex bombs may not be able to muster a body-pop but boy do their faces add a colour pop worthy of the spring/summer '11 runways.

Businessmen bringing citrus back

These two have got plenty to be red in the face about. Perhaps that's why old 'bunga bunga' Berlusconi and 'The Donald' favour a tangerine disguise. Only the brightest orange will do for the world's classiest acts.

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▶ Pippa, beach ready

Middle-TAN

It's a wonder how the Middletons maintain their bronze-y looks. It's definitely not from basking in the British sun. Nevertheless, since England's favorite family joined the Royal crowd, Pippa has taken the fake bake to another, higher sphere. Maybe it's a social status thing after all — nope, not.

RICHARD PECKETT

Dress your buff beach body

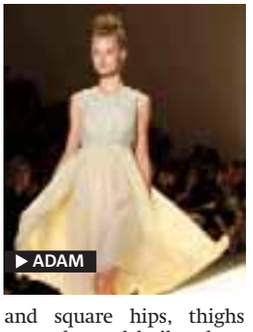
Think softer shapes and sleeveless **Tips to show off the fantastic figure you've worked so hard to build**

Fitting a fit frame isn't always easy.

While clothing designers and retailers have given more attention lately to finding solutions for their petite and plus-size customers, those women with an athletic build - who could be tall or short, more narrow or wide - have their own set of dressing challenges that certainly don't have a one-size-fits-all solution.

Working with many real women instead of only models on photo shoots, Adam Glassman, O The Oprah Magazine's creative director, says he's noticed an increase in "the athletic type." He can't quite define it, but he says he knows it when he sees it.

"It isn't just about athletes," Glassman says. "It has nothing to do with height. You tend to have broad shoulders and a broad back, and your arms are naturally toned or you work out - the tummy is the same thing. Perhaps you have not a lot of curves with a straight waistline and square hips, thighs muscular and built calves, and a smaller bust."



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He adds: "You can have all of that, two of the above, part of one. It ranges from gymnasts to swimmers."

"I think the fashion industry is stepping up to the plate in offering things for more sizes."
ADAM GLASSMAN, O THE OPRAH MAGAZINES'S CREATIVE DIRECTOR

"I think the fashion industry is stepping up to the plate in offering things for more sizes, but you still have to be willing to search," he says.

Most important, women - no matter size and shape - should be looking for clothes that are comfortable and flattering with an end goal of creating a lovely, feminine hourglass shape.

Athletic types often have the advantage of being taut and firm, he says, but that also can leave the impression of them being tough and tomboyish. He likes to see women soften their look with ruffles, ruching, flowing skirts such as a tulip shape, a top with a defined waist or a tie at the waist, and puffy sleeves - which are trendy right now.

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Grab hold of this hardware

Revamp your home by adding unique hooks and one-of-a-kind door knobs to your furnishings

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Changing the hardware around your place is a great way to add personality to a room, and is a quick and inexpensive way to be creative with furnishings.

A classic and simple white kitchen can date itself with 1970s brass handles, while a curlicue victorian dresser can look a bit fussy with cut crystal knobs.

Why not add some "new jewelry to that old suit"? Changing the hardware offers an instant update to your furnishings.

In the kitchen

Renters rejoice; updating the look of your kitchen is easy by investing in some new hardware for the cupboard doors and drawers.

Brushed stainless steel or shiny nickel knobs and pulls are the most popular.

It's also one of those upgrades you can take with you when you move (just keep the old hardware to replace when you are gone).

As most kitchens require quite a few, purchase your knobs and pulls at the big-box or DIY stores; the prices are usually better than specialty shops and they will have the quantity you need in stock.

Want to to add a custom look? Put knobs on doors and pulls on drawers. Match the style and finish.

Old furniture gets dazzled

Got an old dresser or cabinet that feels a bit dull? Restaining it very dark or painting it a bright colour can change the look, but adding some fun knobs will add some interest and update your relic for a few more years.

Handmade or painted knobs allow you to be creative and customize a boring piece of furniture.

Look in lifestyle stores that sell home and clothing for some unique hardware.

Woman's clothing store Anthropologie and home decor store Pier One are favourites of mine.

Bathroom pizzazz

Replacing standard towel bars and cabinet knobs in the bathroom can add a real punch of personality to a small space.

I like to buy four-five matching towels bars and install them above one another, about 12-18 inches apart.

The vertically stacked bars give a vertical element to a small bath and offer up valuable hanging space as if a ladder were leaning against the wall.

Check out the big box stores for multiple towel bars on sale.

In family bathrooms try installing several hooks at various heights to hold multiple family towels.

Choose a different brightly coloured towel for each family member and the wall will take on a fun, playful look.

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▶ Add some sparkle (Anthropologie)

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▶ Opt for a classic look (Anthropologie)

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▶ Get creative with your home's hardware.

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▶ Hydrangea Hook, (Pier 1 imports)

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▶ Add a splash of colour (Anthropologie)

Hook it up

Interestingly shaped antique hooks can be found at flea markets and cost just a few dollars each.

- **Old hooks** often have unique shapes and personalities of their own and can take on quite a modern look when spray-painted with a high gloss colour.
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Lovers to roomies: Not always a fairy tale

To save you from arguing over that wagon wheel coffee table or those inherited curtains, we spoke to relationship experts Dorian Solot and Marshall Miller

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▶ Thinking about shacking up? Read this before taking the plunge.

Shacking up and creating your own little love nest can be the stuff of poetry and cheesy love songs alike. But unfortunately, neither mentions that two of every piece of furniture, coupled with conflicting opinions, do not meld quite so harmoniously.

Dorian Solot, co-author of the relationship book, Unmarried to Each Other, explains: "Some couples find the best way to guarantee smooth sailing is for the partner who's less invested to just forfeit and grant the other the right to make decorating decisions."

But then you might end up with a scenario in which one half of the couple doesn't feel at home in his or her new place.

So, how can two lovebirds keep an apartment share fair? "You should allow each partner to have their own 'sanctuary' space within the apartment," says Solot's partner, Marshall Miller.

"Also, when it comes to purchasing shared items like a sofa, each partner should split them into 'love it', 'maybe' and 'no way' categories and agree to pick the one that you jointly rank as your favourite," he adds.

A decorating democracy sounds like bliss but the chaps among you surrounded by soft pastels and delicate feminine touches will know that sometimes a woman's vote can count for two. To avoid this, Miller suggests "the man pick out at least one piece of art for a public part of the house. Little things work too, like asking for his opinion on wall colours. You can also diversify your coffee table or magazine rack to include the types of books and publications guys enjoy."

But inevitably, some relationships are doomed to fail. To protect yourself, and your things, Miller suggests drafting a "living together agreement" rather than "labelling everything you own as if you're a kid going to camp." He says this is the opportunity to reach an agreement about finances and which valuable possessions each person brings into the relationship.

"Many couples agree that anything purchased after they live together will be presumed to belong to both jointly and if they break up, they can agree to sell those items," Miller adds. At least this way, you'll avoid all the petty arguments over who bought the Friends box set.

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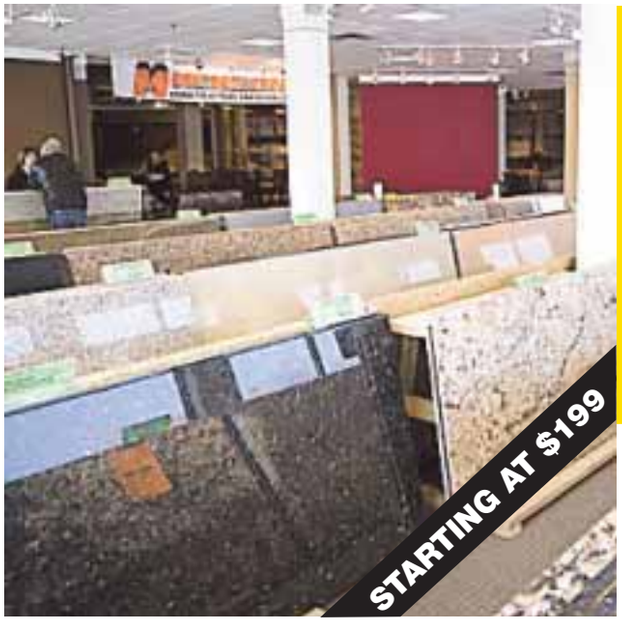

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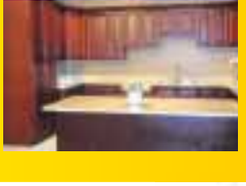

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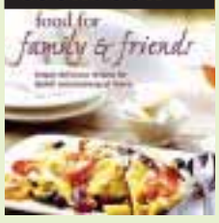

Summer entertaining just got easier with Food for Family & Friends (Ryland Peters & Small, 2011). The book offers inspiration to help you create the right ambiance, more than 130 recipes, plus expert advice on choosing wine. Filled with colourful images, the book is divided into sections such as Setting the Scene, Nibbles and Sharing Plates, Feeding a Crowd, Drinks, and moreAmong the recipes are: Pumpkin Soup with Honey and Sage, Spicy Pork Curry with Lemon Rice, Chocolate Truffles and more.

The cool side of ketchup

Ever thought of making your own condiment? Change it up with Spicy Peach Ketchup

There's a seasonal shift going on in the condiment firmament.

Ketchup, a staple of many pantries, is catching up with the cool crowd as chefs seek new inspiration.

"It's a very exciting time to be making ketchup," says Scott Norton, who with Mark Ramadan founded the recently launched Sir Kensington's Gourmet Scooping Ketchup.

Organic ketchup, spicy ketchup, gourmet ketchup, curry ketchup, all have blossomed in recent years, a development that James Oseland, editor-in-chief of Saveur magazine, has noted with approval. "Who doesn't love a good ketchup?" he points out.

Spicy Peach Ketchup

Preparation:

1. In sauté pan over medium, heat oil. Add onions and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, until onions turn golden and caramelized, about 15 minutes. If they start to darken too much, add 15 ml (1 tbsp) of water.
2. Add peaches, red pepper flakes, allspice, cloves, adobo sauce, brown sugar, vinegar and salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 45 minutes.
3. Working in batches, transfer mix to blender and purée. Adjust seasoning with additional sugar, salt or vinegar. Transfer mix to a clean jar and refrigerate up to three weeks.

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Ingredients:

Spicy Peach Ketchup

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 2 medium yellow onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 6 peaches, peeled; pitted
- 5 ml (1 tsp) red pepper flakes
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground allspice
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cloves
- 10 ml (2 tsp) adobo sauce
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) packed brown sugar (approx)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cider vinegar (approx)
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt (approx)

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▶ Make your own ketchup. It can be stored for three weeks.

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"I like competing in Canada, especially in Toronto. I think I won there before (in 2001), but it feels like a lifetime ago. So it's time to get back there and do it again."

SERENA WILLIAMS ON THE ROGERS CUP, WHICH BEGINS AUG. 8 IN TORONTO.

Who to watch for

The PGA hits Vancouver this week with a field that's considered the Canadian Open's best in years Here's a look at some of the key players

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LUKE DONALD
The 33-year-old is fresh off crashing out of the British Open, failing to make the halfway cut. But he's still on top of the world, ranked No. 1 on the tour.

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MIKE WEIR
That Canada's greatest golfer has never won the Canadian Open is one of sport's great cruelties. Weir almost did it in 2004, and if you're not rooting for him to get there again you're a seriously cold human being.

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RICKIE FOWLER
With his bright Puma hats, shaggy hair and pretty boy look, the 22-year-old is like the Justin Bieber of professional golf.

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▶ Golfer Anthony Kim tees off during a championship pro-am event at the Canadian Open at the Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in Vancouver yesterday.

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DAVID DUVAL
His flame flickered out long ago, but Duval, 39, keeps trying to find a spark. He was No. 1 in the world for 15 great weeks in 1999, and went on to win the 2001 British Open — but hasn't won since.

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JOHN DALY
Daly is easily the most entertaining force on the PGA Tour. From his cigars to clown pants, even if he doesn't win, Daly is a champion.

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JIM FURYK
The 41-year-old was the 2010 PGA Tour player of the year. And he has won the Canadian Open twice, in 2006 and '07. Expect him to vie for a third title this year.

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Shaughnessy worth the long trip for Donald

Over 7,600 kilometres and several times zones separate Sandwich, England, from Vancouver, but for Luke Donald the long journey was worth it to play a course like the Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club.

Donald, the world's No. 1-ranked golfer, failed to make the cut at last week's British Open, but says he's excited about the challenge presented by this week's RBC Canadian open.

"The lifestyle that we lead is a busy one. The worst part about it, and the most unglamorous side, is the travelling."
LUKE DONALD

"It's a very good, classic golf course," Donald said yesterday after playing a Pro-Am event.

"It meanders through the trees. The rough is extremely thick, probably the thickest we played all year. I'd say it's even thicker than the U.S. Open. The greens are very small ... but the premium this week will be keeping it in play."

Masters champion Charl Schwartzel, Donald and defending champion Carl Pettersson will be in the field of 156 that tees off today in the first round of thetournament. They will be playing for a total prize purse of $5.2 million US, with the winner taking home $918,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No vote yet for NFL players: Source

A person familiar with the NFL negotiations told The Associated Press that players would not vote yesterday on a deal to end the lockout.

The person said there remained work to do to finalize an agreement between owners and players. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the process was supposed to remain confidential.

The NFL Players Association's executive committee and representatives of all 32 teams met yesterday in Washington, but some participants left in the afternoon after reviewing portions of a tentative deal.

It's possible players will vote today.

Early yesterday, NFLPA president Kevin Mawae cautioned not to assume the lockout will be over by the weekend, saying that his group was "not tied" to a deadline for getting a deal done in the next 24 hours.

"We want to go back to work," Mawae said outside NFLPA headquarters yesterday morning, "but we will not agree to a deal unless it's the best deal for the players."

If the four-month lockout is going to end in time to keep the pre-season completely intact, the players and owners almost certainly must ratify the deal by today.

The St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears are scheduled to open the preseason Aug. 7 in the Hall of Fame game.

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News in brief

Fish build their lead

BASEBALL. The Winnipeg Goldeyes extended their North Division lead to two and a half games with a 7-5 victory over the visiting Sioux City Explorers last night.

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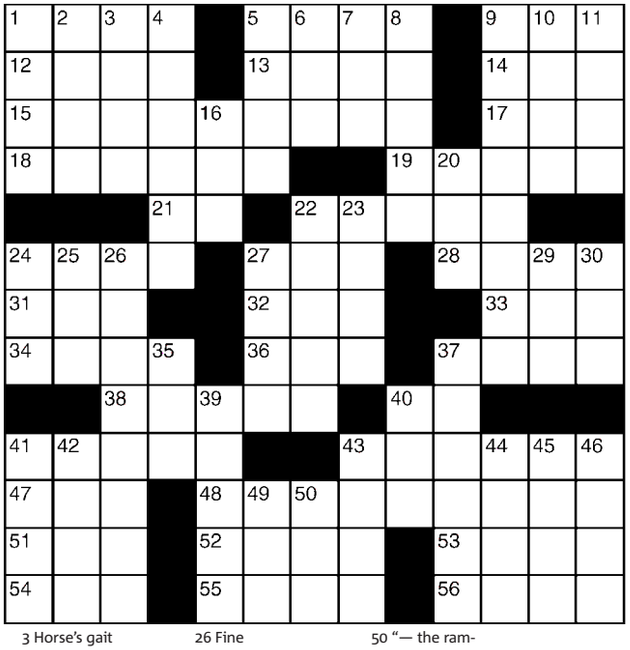

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1 Macrame and origami
5 Spill the beans
9 Swine home
12 Old Italian money
13 Parks or Bonheur
14 Rage
15 "Animal House" event
17 Aviv preceder
18 Garb
19 "Monopoly" building
21 Therefore
22 "SNL" alumna Oteri
24 Bridge coup
27 Writer Buscaglia
28 Giant in a nightmare, maybe
31 Moray, for one
32 Under the weather
33 Towel designation
34 Post-bath application
36 Aviate
37 Halt
38 Wild West show
40 2009 Pixar movie
41 Backbone
43 Quiver contents
47 Funny guy
48 "Sleep well"
51 Potsdam pronoun
52 Sleeping
53 Merriment
54 Bumped into
55 Old letter opener?
56 Appear

Down

1 — Romeo
2 Urban disturbance
3 Horse's gait
4 Great cruelty
5 Cheese choice
6 Journal
7 Blond shade
8 Wash in a tub
9 Wait patiently
10 Genealogy chart
11 Holler
16 To and —
20 Acapulco gold
22 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
23 Sacred
24 Collection
25 Meadow
26 Fine
27 Biography
29 Carnival city
30 Kreskin's claim
35 Inmate
37 Parsley servings
39 "La Toilette" painter
40 Coffee vessel
41 Take to the pool
42 Gait
43 Finds the sum
44 Look lustfully
45 Roller coaster cry
46 Goblet feature
49 Sapporo sash
50 "— the ramparts ..."

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Marilyn Leelen
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To the guy with all the parking tickets, I know that you are way out of my league, but I couldn't help but notice you today. You genuinely stood out from everyone else there. :) You had an awesome smile on top of everything else. You made my day a lot brighter, it was nice talking to you. Cheers and good luck with you business. **GIRL @ CITY HALL**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Today, you don't have to use words to get your message across — your body language will be enough.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Any money worries you've had will fade today. You'll realize you were never as badly off as you feared.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You will be delighted when you discover a problem that's been worrying you has an easy solution.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will be in a generous mood today and will do whatever you can to help those who've had misfortune.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You have been operating below your best, so raise your sights and your game.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Important people will be watching you closely today, so make sure they like what they see.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There is serious work to be done today and if you don't want to exhaust yourself you must use your Libra charm to get other people to help you.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 As usual, you have been worrying for no good reason but your mood will take a turn for the better today.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you feel a bit down just think back to all the good times you have enjoyed. You'll do so again.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Ease back and don't worry so much about schedules and deadlines. Life is fun, so why make it a chore?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You will enjoy being the centre of attention today — and others will enjoy what you have to offer.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Give family and loved ones your full and undivided attention. Business can wait until later. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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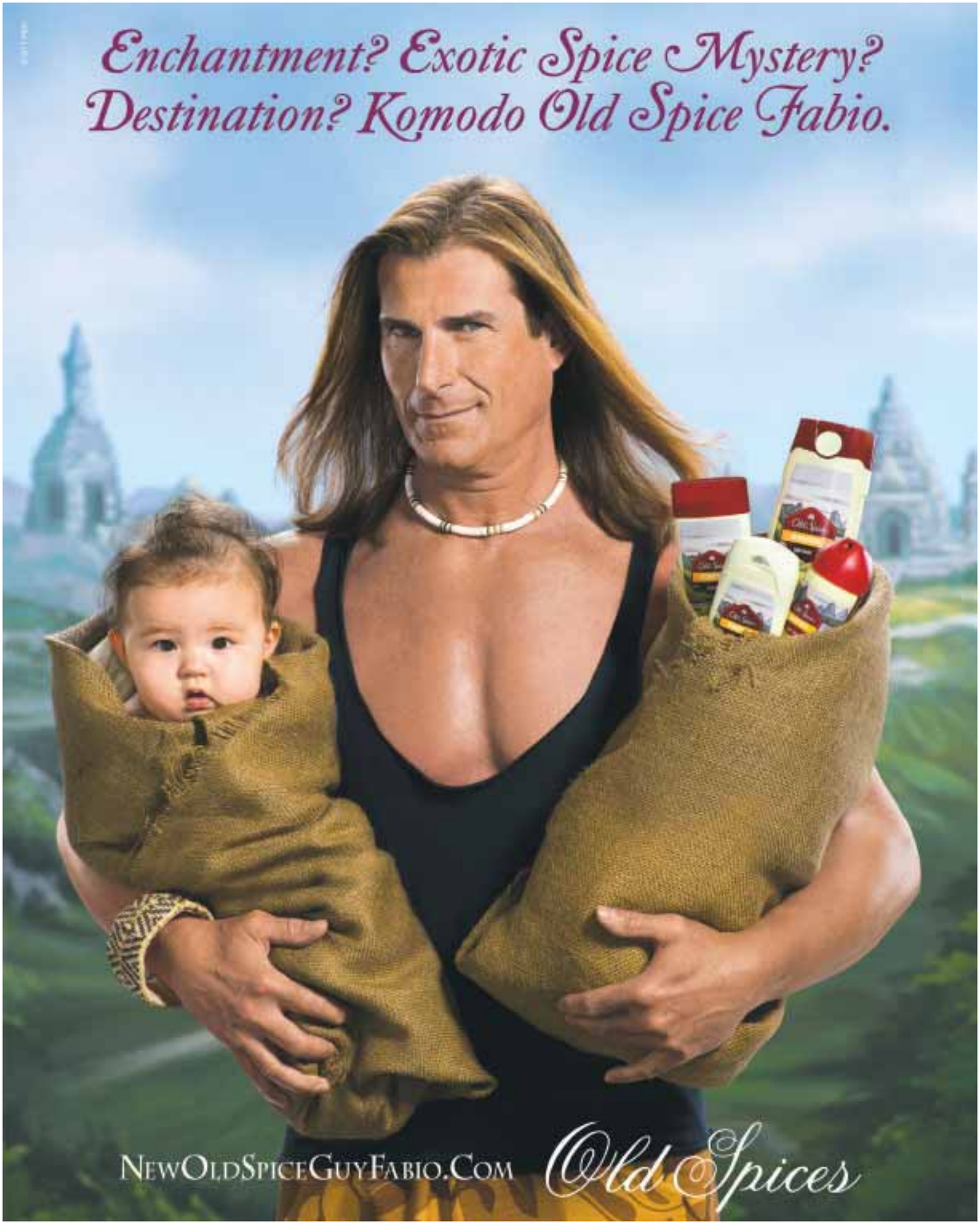
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